GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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TELEPHONE CONNECTION IN ARARIA DISTRICT IN BIHAR
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large number of applicants are waiting for the telephone connection in district Araria, Bihar;

(b) if so, the number thereof as on date;

(c) the time by which the waiting list is likely to be cleared;

(d) the number of telephone connections proposed to be provided during 2002-2003 in the above district;

(e) whether the condition of the telephone service in the Araria district have been found unsatisfactory;

(f) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(g) the remedial action taken by the Government in this regard ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI JOYTAPAN SIKDAR)

(a) & (b): The number of applicants waiting for telephone connections in the District of Araria as on 31.03.2002 was 415.

(c) This waiting list is planned to be cleared by 31.10.2002.

(d) 1000 telephone connections are planned to be provided during 2002-03 subject to availability of demand.

(e) Telephone Services in Araria district have been satisfactory, but for an interruption in the UHF system at Balua Kaliyaganj exchange for three days during March, 2002 due to a technical fault which was rectified.

(f) & (g): Do not arise in view of (e) above.